

## **DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY**

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Via email

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SUBJECT: FOIA REQUEST DON NAVY 2023-013140

Dear Mr. Beaty:

This letter responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request submitted on July 7, 2023, to the Department of the Navy FOIA Online website and assigned case file number DON-NAVY 2023-013140. In your letter, you requested a copy of emails from Timothy Gallaudet from January 2015 about "urgent safety of flight issues" and the USS Theodore Roosevelt.

Your request was processed under applicable provisions of the FOIA statute, as amended, and the Privacy Act. A thorough search was conducted of the Commander, Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command offices, to include employee email accounts and shared drives where that type of information would be found if any existed, and only one email was found that might be responsive. It is included. We also reached out to our internet service providers, NMCI, and were informed that emails from RDML Gallaudet (Ret.) for this time period were inaccessible. Further and for your information, the web link within the email was deactivated in 2020.

I am the official responsible for this response. If you have questions, my contact information is below.

You have the right to an appeal. It must be received (i.e., post-marked if by mail, sent if by email, submitted if by FOIA online) within 90 calendar days from the date of this letter. There are two ways to file an appeal—through FOIA online or by mail:

1. Through FOIA online. This will work only if you set up an account on FOIA online before you make the request that you would like to appeal. To set up an account, go to the website FOIA online at: <a href="https://foiaonline.gov/foiaonline/action/public/home">https://foiaonline.gov/foiaonline/action/public/home</a>. Click "Create Account" (a link located within the blue banner at the top in the upper right corner), enter your data into the field that subsequently appears, and click "Save" (at the bottom left of the screen). With your account thereby created, you will have the power to file an appeal on FOIA online to any request you file on FOIA online thereafter. To do so, locate your request (enter a keyword or the request tracking number in the "Search for" field on the "Search" tab), click on it, then click the "Create Appeal" tab in the left-hand column. Complete the subsequent field, click

"Save," and FOIA online will submit your appeal. Please note that FOIA Online is sun setting on October 1, so you may wish to appeal via mail.

- 2. <u>By mail</u>. Provide the appellate authority the following in an envelope marked "FOIA Appeal:
- •a letter requesting an appeal that explains what you are appealing with any supporting arguments or reasons you think may be worthy of consideration;
  - •a copy of your initial request; and
  - •a copy of the response letter.

Address your appeal to the Office of the Judge Advocate General, Department of the Navy, Attn: FOIA Appeals, Code 14, 1322 Patterson Ave, SE, Ste. 3000, Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374-5066. Also, please provide a copy of your appeal letter to me at the below email address.

You also have the right to seek assistance and/or dispute resolution services from the Department of the Navy FOIA Public Liaison, Mr. Christopher Julka, at <a href="mailto:christopher.a.julka@navv.mil">christopher.a.julka@navv.mil</a> or (703) 697-0031. In addition, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) provides a voluntary mediation process for resolving disputes between persons making FOIA requests and the Department of the Navy (DON). For more information, go to <a href="https://www.archives.gov/ogis/about-ogis/contact-information">https://www.archives.gov/ogis/about-ogis/contact-information</a>.

If you have any questions related to the processing of your request, please contact me at Stephan.c.roth.civ@us.navy.mil.

Sincerely,

Stephan C. Roth CNMOC, General Counsel FOIA Coordinator

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